

United States Senate Youth Scholarship Program

Purpose

Two students from each state and a first and second alternate will be selected to participate in the Annual Senate Youth Scholarship Program. The top two students will receive \$5,000 college scholarships and a one-week, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC, during March 4-11, 2006.

Qualifications

The applicant must:

- be a junior or graduating senior in a Montana high school
- Currently serving in an elected or selected capacity in any one of the following student government offices at their Montana high school for the 2005-06 school year

√student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer

√class president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer

√student council representative

√Boys/Girls state delegate

- be a permanent resident of the United States
- be a Montana resident

Montana Requirements

- Interested students should see their high school counselors to sign up for the qualifying exam.
- Potential awardees compete for this scholarship by taking a 50-point exam on current politics, American History, and the U.S. Constitution.
- The top ten scorers are then required to record videotaped responses to a set of questions provided by the Office of Public Instruction, U.S. Senate Youth Program staff.
- Two delegates and two alternates are chosen from the ten semifinalists.

Notification of scholarship application information is sent in September to all public and private high school counselors and student body presidents. The deadline for taking the 50-point exam is in early October.